

Electricity and Natural Gas Committee
Workshop on the Renewable Investment Plan
October 30, 2000

Overall Program Issues

10 a.m.

- **Committee Remarks**
 - **Staff Remarks**
 - **Public Comment on the following:**
1. What should the funding allocation be among the eight categories listed in the legislation? Please justify your response in light of the eight allocation areas.
 2. How should numerical targets for projected impacts be set? At what levels? How does the Commission measure progress towards attaining these targets?
 3. Should the SB 1194/AB 995 program be administered through guidelines that may be adopted and revised in a streamlined manner, like the SB 90 program, or should the SB 1194/AB 995 program be administered through more formal regulations?
 4. Are any changes in definitions of terms needed (e.g., “emerging,” “renewable”)?
 5. Please address any other issues you feel are important.

Customer Credit Investment Options

1 p.m.

- **Committee Remarks**
 - **Staff Remarks**
 - **Public Comment on the following:**
1. What should the funding allocation be for customer credits?
 2. Given the current SB 90 program design for customer credits, what changes or modifications do you suggest for the future program?
 3. How should the current customer credit program interact with the SB 1194/AB 955 program?
 - use SB 1194/AB 995 funds to continue the customer credit program?
 - transfer the SB 90 funds into the SB 1194/AB 995 program and discontinue the SB 90 programs?
 - have the SB 90 and SB 1194/AB 995 programs independent of each other?
 4. Is a mandated state purchase of renewables appropriate? If so, how should this be accomplished? Through direct purchase of energy? Installation of renewable generation (e.g., PV) on site?
 5. How should the customer credit component of the SB 1194/AB 995 program interact with other parts of the program, and with the SB 90 program? Should facilities receiving funding from other elements of the SB 1194/AB 995 program be eligible for customer credits under the program (i.e., should double dipping be a consideration)?
 6. What are the implications for the green market of limiting customer credits to purchases of energy from projects not under contract to a utility?
 7. Please address any other issues you feel are important.

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New Investment Options
10 a.m.

- **Committee Remarks**
 - **Staff Remarks**
 - **Public Comment on the following:**
1. What should the funding allocation be for new generating facilities? Should allocations for these facilities be reduced or increased over time, or tied to any market conditions? If so, how can the link to market prices be implemented in the context of an auction?
 2. Given the current SB 90 program design for new generating facilities, what changes or modifications do you suggest for the future program?
 3. How should the current program for new technologies interact with the future program?
 - use SB 1194/AB 995 funds to continue the SB 90 program?
 - transfer the SB 90 funds into the SB 1194/AB 995 program and discontinue the SB 90 programs?
 - structure the SB 90 and SB 1194/AB 995 programs independent of each other?
 4. Should methods other than production incentives be considered for providing assistance to new renewable generating facilities? If so, specify such methods.
 5. Please address any other issues you feel are important.

Existing Investment Options
2 p.m.

- **Committee Remarks**
 - **Staff Remarks**
 - **Public Comment on the following:**
1. What should the funding allocation be for existing wind and solar thermal generating facilities, for incentives to reduce fuel costs for biomass facilities? Should allocations for these areas be reduced or increased over time, or tied to any market conditions? If so, how?
 2. Given the current SB 90 program design for these technologies, what changes or modifications do you suggest for the SB 1194/AB 995 program?
 3. How should the current program for existing biomass, solar thermal and wind resources interact with the future program?
 - use SB 1194/AB 995 funds to continue the related parts of the SB 90 program?
 - transfer the related SB 90 funds into the SB 1194/AB 995 program and discontinue those SB 90 programs?
 - structure the SB 90 and SB 1194/AB 995 programs independent of each other?
 4. How should incentives to reduce fuel costs for biomass be structured? Who should administer this structure? How does the Energy Commission 'confirm' these costs? How do we determine the demonstrable environmental benefits?
 5. How do we determine whether solar thermal resources and/or existing wind resources require assistance to remain financially viable? That they provide the required benefits?
 6. Please address any other issues you feel are important.

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Consumer Education Options
10 a.m.

- **Committee Remarks**
 - **Staff Remarks**
 - **Public Comment on the following:**
1. What should the funding allocation be for customer education?
 2. Given the current SB 90 program design for customer education, what changes or modifications do you suggest for the future program?
 3. How should the current customer education program interact with the SB 1194/AB 955 program?
 - use SB 1194/AB 995 funds to continue the SB 90 program?
 - transfer the SB 90 funds into the SB 1194/AB 995 program and discontinue the SB 90 programs?
 - have the SB 90 and SB 1194/AB 995 programs independent of each other?
 4. Please address any other issues you feel are important.

Emerging Investment Options
2 p.m.

- **Committee Remarks**
 - **Staff Remarks**
 - **Public Comment on the following:**
1. What should the funding allocation be for emerging technologies? Should allocations for these technologies be reduced or increased over time, or tied to any market conditions?
 2. Given the current SB 90 program design for emerging technologies, what changes or modifications do you suggest for the future program?
 3. How should the SB 90 program interact with the SB 1194/AB 955 program?
 - use SB 1194/AB 995 funds to continue the SB 90 program?
 - transfer the SB 90 funds into the SB 1194/AB 995 program and discontinue the SB 90 programs?
 - have the SB 90 and SB 1194/AB 995 programs independent of each other?
 4. How should the question of the impact of emerging non-renewable fuel cell technologies be addressed?
 5. Please address any other issues you feel are important.